
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 979 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY REGAN, SCARNATI, COSTA, RESCHENTHALER, BLAKE,
RAFFERTY, BREWSTER, SCAVELLO, YUDICHAK, MCGARRIGLE AND
SCHWANK, DECEMBER 7, 2017

REFERRED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT, DECEMBER 7, 2017

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in municipal pensions, providing for
3 pension service credit for prior service with police
4 department.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Chapter 91 of Title 53 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subchapter to read:

9 SUBCHAPTER C

10 POLICE PENSION PLANS

11 Sec.

12 9121. Definitions.

13 9122. Pension service credit for prior service with police
14 department.

15 9123. Computation of amount due.

16 9124. Ineligibility.

17 § 9121. Definitions.

18 The following words and phrases when used in this subchapter

1 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
2 context clearly indicates otherwise:

3 "Police department." This term shall have the same meaning
4 as provided under section 2162 (relating to definitions).

5 "Police officer." This term shall have the same meaning as
6 provided under section 2162.

7 § 9122. Pension service credit for prior service with police
8 department.

9 A county, city, borough, town, township or regional police
10 department shall amend its ordinance or resolution establishing
11 a police pension fund to provide full-time police officers the
12 option to purchase up to five years of pension service credit
13 for prior part-time or full-time police service provided in a
14 police department.

15 § 9123. Computation of amount due.

16 The amount due for the purchase of credit for prior police
17 service shall be computed by:

18 (1) multiplying the average normal cost rate for
19 borough, town, township and regional police pension plans as
20 certified by the Auditor General but not to exceed 10%, by
21 the member's average annual rate of compensation over the
22 first three years of service with the police department; and

23 (2) multiplying the product from paragraph (1) by the
24 number of years and fractional part of a year of creditable
25 prior police service being purchased together with interest
26 at the rate of 4.75% compounded annually from the date of
27 initial entry into full-time service with the police
28 department to the date of payment.

29 § 9124. Ineligibility.

30 No police officer shall be eligible to purchase service

1 credit for prior police service for which the officer otherwise
2 receives or is entitled to receive pension service credit from
3 any other pension fund.

4 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.